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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER FACTS FAX

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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET, US Grade A, Week Ending 07-May-04

DATE	PRODUCTION (000)		ICE-PACKED, MULTI-DROP, IMMEDIATE DELIVERY			IVERY
	Actual Slaughter	Live Weight	Price Range	Weighted	Price # of E	oxes
05/03	2,246	5.71	70-91	80.89	6,593	
05/04	2,238	5.58	76-92	81.70	7,816	
05/05	2,219	5.47	73-93	81.94	7,325	
05/06	2,179	5.51	73-90	81.36	7,470	
05/07	2,180	5.51	73-94	81.04	7,143	
Weekly	11,063	5.56	Cumulative:	81.40	36,347	

NEGOTIATED TRADING, USDA GRADE A WHOLE ICE-PACKED, Week of 10-May-04

Weighted Averages for:	Current Week	Last Week	Year Ago
New York	78.10	76.85	55.09
Chicago	75.71	75.42	52.04
Detroit	77.00	76.33	53.18
Los Angeles	80.65	79.94	67.09
12-City Composite	78.12	77.83	59.02

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Ice-Packed, Delivered first receivers, pool and trucklot volumes, cents per pound, Week Ending 07-May-04

Weekly	Weighted Average Price	Total Volume/Pounds
Breast - B/S	221.62	3,288,489
Tenderloins	228.04	479,004
Breast - With Ribs	127.12	726,969
Breast - Line Run	125.35	510,160
Legs	45.51	1,377,283
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	34.58	1,919,083
Drumsticks	42.00	874,366
Thighs	47.67	557,023
B/S Thighs	111.52	414,500
Wings (Whole)	120.37	802,370
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(Includes NY City metro area, RI, Northern NJ, MA, CT, PA (NE of Harrisburg)

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED (000), Week Ending 01-May-04

	Current	Last		10-Weeks	7-Weeks
	Week	Week	Year Ago	Prior	Prior
Eggs Set	212,631	$2\overline{13,4}68$	209,166	209,884	210,601
Chicks Placed	174,978	173,068	172,351	167,390	170,698

SLAUGHTER OF YOUNG CHICKENS UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, W/E 01-MAY-04

		<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
Head	(000)	157,894	156,011	156,760
Average Live	Weight	5.30	5.20	5.09
To Date 2004	(000)	2,610,991	2,453,097	
To Date 2003	(000)	2,570,895	2,414,135	

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE: Total frozen poultry supplies on March 31,2004 were 10% higher than the previous month, but were 7% lower than a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 10% from the previous month, but down 7% from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 9% from last month, but down 6% from March 31,2003.

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